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BALLOT LABEL

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MINOR'S PREGNANCY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

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BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY

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- Changes California Constitution to prohibit abortion for unemancipated minor until 48 hours after physician notifies minor's parent or legal guardian.
- Permits notification to certain adult relatives if doctor reports parent to law enforcement or Child Protective Services.
- Provides notification exceptions for medical emergency or parental waiver.
- Permits courts to waive notice based on clear and convincing evidence of minor's maturity or best interests.
- Mandates reporting requirements, including reports from physicians regarding abortions on minors.
- Authorizes damages against physicians for violation.
- Requires minor's consent to abortion, with exceptions.

Summary of Legislative Analyst's Estimate of Net State and Local Government Fiscal Impact:

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